

SENATE BILL 1960

By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,
relative to health insurance coverage of treatment
for lymphedema.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 23, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

Section 56-7-2368.

(a)

(1) Any individual, franchise, blanket or group health insurance policy, medical service plan, contract, hospital service corporation contract, hospital and medical service corporation contract, fraternal benefit society, health maintenance organization, a self-insured group arrangement to the extent not preempted by federal law or a managed health care delivery entity of any type or description shall provide coverage for treatment of lymphedema. Covered treatments for lymphedema shall include, but not be limited to, compression garments and complete decongestive therapy with related therapist visits.

(2) Coverage for lymphedema treatment shall be subject to applicable copayments, coinsurance and deductibles.

(b) This section applies to any policy, plan, or contract entered into or renewed on or after July 1, 2009.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.